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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed amendment be entered at this time.

Please find enclosed our check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the required fee for a large entity.

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